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BASING THEIR COMMENTS PRIMARILY ON REPORTS IN TURKISH PRESS
OF PROPOSALS BEING PREPARED BY TURKISH SIDE, GREEK CYPRIOT
NEWSPAPERS JAN 21 TAKE HIGHLY PESSIMISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD
RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. MASS CIRCULATION
PHILELEFTHEROS COMMENTS THAT, JUDGING BY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN
ANKARA CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSALS BEING FORMULATED
BY THE TURKISH SIDE, "WE SHALL NOT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO REJECT

ANY IDEA OF A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES." RIGHT-WING AGON REPORTS THAT IT IS BECOMING CLEAR THAT THE INTENTION OF THE TURKISH SIDE IS TO MAKE ONLY NOMINAL CONCESSIONS AIMED AT LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO; IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES "WE CANNOT SEE HOW THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WILL BE REASONABLE AND SATISFACTORY." PRO-GOVERNMENT ELEFTHERI KYPROS, REFERRING TO PROPOSAL THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS RETURN TO TURKISH-ADMINISTERED FAMAGUSTA, SAYS THAT GREEKS ARE BEING ASKED TO BECOME SLAVES UNDER A TURKISH SULTANATE. SOCIALIST TA NEA CALLS REPORTED TURKISH PROPOSALS ULTIMATA WHICH CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED. RIGHT-WING MAKHI SAYS ECEVIT/DENKTASH PROPOSALS ARE CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM AND CALLS FOR PREPARATIONS TO COPE WITH TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE. ONLY COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, WHILE EXPRESSING SUSPICION ABOUT ANY TURKISH PROPOSALS, RECOMMENDS A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE. CRAWFORD

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